

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 1795
AUTHOR: Assembly Agriculture

BILL SUMMARY: Agriculture: Marketing Advisory and Promotion Agencies

This bill would (1) eliminate term limits for members of the California Apple Commission (Commission), (2) permit the California Salmon Council (Council) to present facts to and negotiate with state, federal, and foreign agencies on matters that affect the California Salmon Marketing and Development Act, and (3) make technical and conforming changes.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill has no fiscal impact to the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) budget. The Commission and the Council are entirely industry-funded, and their assessment revenues are deposited in accounts outside of the State Treasury System. As such, these funds do not flow through the CDFA's Department of Food and Agriculture Fund (like some of the other commissions for which the CDFA provides oversight). The CDFA is reimbursed by the Commission and the Council for all expenses associated with providing statutory oversight for these programs.

COMMENTS

This bill has no fiscal impact to the state and would help to reduce the number of vacancies on the Commission to effectively serve the apple industry. This bill also would provide the Council with an industry voice and the means to become involved in issues related to the salmon industry.

Existing law sets the term of office for a Commission member at four years and limits the number of terms that each Commission member can serve to four consecutive terms.

Existing law allows the Council (with approval of the Secretary of Food and Agriculture) to perform duties that the Secretary delegates to the Council. These duties include entering into contracts and agreements that promote the sale of salmon and salmon products on a local, state, national, or international basis.

This bill would remove term limits for Commission members and would authorize the Council (with approval from the Secretary) to present facts to, and negotiate with, various entities on matters relevant to the commercial salmon industry.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP								
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012		
8570/Food & Ag	SO	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----						0111	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0111	Department of Agriculture Account, Ag Fd									

Analyst/Principal (0222)J. Fitzpatrick	Date	Assistant Program Budget Manager Nona Martinez	Date
---	------	---	------

Department Deputy Director	Date
----------------------------	------

Governor's Office:	By:	Date:	Position Approved _____
			Position Disapproved _____

BILL ANALYSIS	Form DF-43 (Rev 03/95 Buff)
----------------------	-----------------------------